

THE CAPTURE OF AMIENS gTH MAR.

be wondered at) they marched right through the city with their drums beating and flags flying

At first they were in doubt what to do, as these fellows men had intended only to seize the gate, but seeing that no opposition was offered, they placed guards at the cross streets and in the square without anyone raising a finger Then the commander sent the Spanish by companies of fifteen and twenty to traverse the streets, and when they saw any of the townsfolk on the roads or at the windows they fired on them so that not a man had the courage to stir

And in this wise a great city of 50,000 persons, amongst whom were 10,000 soldiers, is taken by 700, with the loss of less than ten on both sides

loth March THE WARDENSHIP OF THE CINQUE PORTS

Owing to the death of Lord Cobham, there is competition for the post of the Cinque Ports, the Earl of Essex very earnestly moving the Queen for Sir Robert Sidney, that is governor of Flushing But she said he was too young for the office and Mr Harry Brooke the now Lord Cobham, should have it Whereupon the Earl was resolved to leave the Court, and this morning, himself, his followers and horse being ready, about ten o'clock he went to speak with my Lord Treasurer, and being by Somerset House, Mr Killigrew met him and willed him to come to the Queen After some speech had privately with her, she hath made him Master of the Ordnance, which place he accepteth and is contented thereby

nth March THE OFFICE OF LORD PRESIDENT

There is still no one appointed as Lord President in the north, and again the Archbishop of York hath written to the Lord Treasurer that someone be appointed The cause of this

delay is said to be the want of fit men, but is
rather that the
race of nobles whom the Queen found at the
beginning of the
reign having passed away, she by her wisdom and
experience
knoweth all the defects and infirmities of the
nobility now
growing up Yet if the Queen could resolve on a
man, her
commission and instructions and the ordinary
proceedings of
the Court would sufficiently enable him My
Lord Hunting-
don was very raw when he first came down,
but having a